

Joint Policy Committee
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to support the Livable Communities idea around BART and transit stations.

Housing, jobs and shops near transit make for great places to live. I have been to Denmark where transportation and housing are integrated. It keeps cities from sprawling out and devouring agriculture and open spaces.

The current proposal does not deal with the need for affordable housing, the people who use public transit most. They should be located within a half-mile radius station areas. Big box stores should not be part of the mix if we want people to live where they work or get on public transit to go to work.

Sincerely,

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